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PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1951.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1951.

VITAL STATISTICS

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate) 1951
..... 6,029 .....

	Pembroke R.D. 1951	Pembroke R.D. 1950	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	17.4	17	17.08	15.5
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	14.4	9.3	13.5	12.5
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	28.5	17.8	32.2	29.6

Causes of Death

	M.	F.
Total (all causes)	55	34
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1
Tuberculosis, other forms	1	-
Meningococcal infections	1	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-
Cancer	11	7
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	1	5
Coronary disease, angina	4	2
Hypertension with heart disease	3	-
Other heart disease	8	7
Other circulatory disease	2	-
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis	3	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis & nephrosis	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	6
Motor vehicle accidents	3	1
All other accidents.	1	2

The Death Rate was considerably higher than in 1950, and slightly higher than that for the County of Pembroke, and for the whole of the country.

It must be pointed out that 47% of the deaths were of persons over the age of seventy, including 12% over the age of eighty years.

20% of the deaths were due to cancer, 27% to various diseases of the heart, and 8% were caused by accidents of various kinds.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Whooping Cough	40	Measles	45	Pneumonia	3
Poliomyelitis	1	Scarlet Fever	2		

The case of Poliomyelitis was admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble, and made a good recovery. There was one death due to Acute Poliomyelitis. This was a young man taken ill in November 1950, who had been in an "iron lung" for three months, but died during the influenza epidemic in March 1951.

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of Tuberculosis were notified, of which five were respiratory. Two of these cases were admitted to Hospital during the year, as well as three other cases notified the previous year.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in May. Residents in the Pembroke Rural area had the opportunity of being X-rayed at Tenby or Pembroke Dock. It is unfortunate that the Radiography Service consider it impossible both on technical and economic grounds to visit each village in a scattered rural community, and that few persons from the villages make the effort to attend the urban centres.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Free vaccination against smallpox is offered to all babies, and any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 19 primary vaccinations, and 10 secondary vaccinations.

This means that only approximately 18% of the babies are now vaccinated.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. 47 children were immunised during the year, and 19 received reinforcing injections.

This means that approximately 45% of the children are immunised against Diphtheria, a regrettable decrease in the high percentage recorded when immunisation first became a free service. The fact that Diphtheria has been almost wiped out by the mass immunisation of children does not mean that it cannot occur again, if the level of immunisation falls, and it is therefore very important that parents should be urged to have their babies immunised before their first birthday, if possible.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

No action was found to be necessary in this respect during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

During 1951, water-main extensions were completed in the following areas:-

Stackpole to Bosherston, Cosheston to Stoop Lake, Warren Common to St. Twynnels, and a small pumping scheme to supply Hundleton village and new housing site.

Approval was given for extensions from St. Florence to Ivy Tower, Hodgeston to West Moor, and Redberth to Knapp.

Details of the water supply are set out below:-

Parish	Houses	Standpipes	Connections	Population
Angle	41	6	4	164
Bosherston	15	-	8	60
Carew	227	18	62	908
Castlemartin	33	4	25	109
Cosheston	74	4	31	296
Hodgeston	8	2	4	41
Hundleton	35	4	6	145
Lamphey	150	8	8	604
Manorbier	165	12	125	660
Nash	8	2	4	33
Penally	108	4	49	432
Redberth	12	-	6	84
Rhoscrowther	16	-	16	64
Stackpole	32	-	16	128
St. Florence	51	-	11	204
St. Twynnels	6	-	6	25
Tenby Out Liberty	66	4	62	264
Warren	9	1	5	34

SEWERAGE

Work upon the Public Sewerage Scheme at Milton is proceeding satisfactorily, and will be completed early next year. Up to December 31st, the outfall works have been completed, and the main sewer laid up to Milton Bridge.

Sewage disposal plants from seven completed Housing sites are being well maintained and are functioning satisfactorily.

Number of pail closets converted to W.C.'s = 10

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse bins for the collection of incombustible articles are erected in all the larger villages, and Housing sites. These are emptied and disinfected regularly.

HOUSING

During the year 36 houses were completed.

By Local Authority	27
By Private persons	9

No. of houses completed by the Local Authority up to December 1951 :- 159

Carew	22
Castlemartin	12
Cosheston	13
Hundleton	10
Lamphey	6
Manorbier	30
Penally	24
Rhoscrowther	12
Stackpole	16
Tenby Out Liberty	8
St. Twynnels	2
St. Florence	4

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Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1951.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	139
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	74
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. (exclusive of those in previous column)	45
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	26

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9,10 & 16	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	4
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners.	4
Public Health Acts.	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	3
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners)	3
Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in persuance of demolition orders.	Nil
Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.	
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year.	3
No. of families dwelling therein.	3
No. of persons dwelling therein.	16½
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year.	2
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year.	4
No. of persons concerned in such cases.	23

SANITARY INSPECTION.

Particulars of work carried out during year 1951.

No. of complaints received		115
No. of defects or nuisances discovered		61
No. of Premises visited		
Inspections		227
Re-visits		111
No. of Notices served		
Preliminary:	Housing	29
	Other	36
Statutory:	Housing	4
	Other	3
Summary Action		
Summonses issued		Nil
Convictions obtained		Nil

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER.

No. of Registered Dairymen	23
No. of Inspections	138

Milk Samples

No. of samples taken for bacteriological examination: 33

Satisfactory	31
Unsatisfactory	2

ICE-CREAM

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the area.
Samples taken:

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
4	2	Nil	Nil

Condemned Food.

It was found necessary to condemn:-

Tinned Ham	34 lbs
Tinned fruit	8½lbs
Blanc Mange & Custard Powders	12 lbs

RODENT CONTROL

One part-time operator was employed.

All the Local Authority's refuse bins and dumps were treated regularly, and surveys and treatment were carried out in villages when necessary.

No. of Local Authority cases dealt with during 1951	339
No. of private cases dealt with during 1951	28

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i)Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	3	12	1	Nil
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	9	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	25	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	11	46	1	Nil

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